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### FAILURE.

Her pathway led through the valley,
Where bees in the clover croon,
And butterflies drift in beauty
Through the yellowing heat of noon;
She lifted her eyes to the mountains,
With yearning for upbound trail,
But her slippers were golden sandals;
Her staff but a sceptre frail;
But ever she dreamed of climbing
To heights that she could not make
(Thought her way led outward and onward,
With a million paths to take.)
Yet always she viewed the summit
With a yearn time could not break.

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### ANOTHER CHANCE FOR WHAT?

"Should Fatty Arbuckle be given a second chance?"

"He should be given any number of chances to redeem his character, which, after all, was no worse than that of any of the others who associated with him on that afternoon in the Hotel St. Francis," says Rev. O. W. S. McCall of the Berkeley First Church; "but a second chance as a film star is another matter, for not only is Mr. Arbuckle involved there, but the public conscience and sentiment as well. So that Mr. Arbuckle should put a few more hundred thousand dollars in his pocket, it is rather too much to ask that the American people should pocket their disgust of the man, and so blunt their capacity for such wholesome disgust. The question is no longer that of Mr. Arbuckle's morals, but of the morals and fine feeling of the public.

"Mr. Arbuckle made himself an example in prurience; the whole world knows about it; wherever he appears in future he will not be regarded as a penitent and reformed sinner, if he is one, but still as the example he made himself. It may be financially hard on Mr. Arbuckle, but really we don't want ourselves entertained at the movies by an example of prurience.

**A Vice That Is Habitual.**

Be it remembered, the fault was not that of a man who has been convicted of a lapse unusual to himself, set in extenuating circumstances. But by accident a veil was lifted from a loathsome condition of moral festering that had every indication of years' standing. It was not so much passion that was revealed as cold and degenerate animalism; not so much erring humanity as putrid humanity. To be sure, there are many as bad who do not get into print; accidents do not always happen. But Mr. Arbuckle has, unfortunately for himself come to represent to the public all that veiled leprous, submerged and dehumanized, that burns into the vitals of society, and the public wants no more of him! It rejects him that it may show it rejects that.

I think we are pretty tolerant of bursts of passion, of impulsive sin; but once in a while even the slowest sense of decency is outraged by revelations of mere depravity and Mr. Arbuckle has achieved this distinction, that he has outraged us. We remember the story and all the hoggish details that from day to day poured fetid slime through the newspapers into the minds of juvenile readers.

**No More Limelight.**

If Mr. Arbuckle has indeed repented the last thing in the world possible to him should be to come again before the public. To me the most damning evidence that he is callous and unashamed lies in his even imagining that he should return. With but ordinary delicacy he would be asking not for the limelight but for some dark hole in which to hide himself.

I protest against this threatened invasion of our finer delicacies, against this cavelier waving aside of social abominations as if they were but social incidents, this unsurpation of the throne of public ethics by men of dulled conscience and low standards and this intrusion into places where we go for clean amusement of personalities who remind us of moral stench!

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### SUCCESS.

His path led over the mountain,
By trails that were steep and rough,
Where the storm kings gathered their forces
And mocked him with voices gruff
And the tracks he left on the mountain
Were marked with a crimson stain,
Where his feet pressed bramble and thistle,
In his onward march through pain,
But he stood at last on the summit,
And, viewing the trail below,
Smiled sadly at each red footprint
He'd left in the muck and snow—
Smiled sadly, for from the summit.
There was no place else to go.

### MEASURING UP TO PRIVILEGE.

Much satisfaction has been felt by former readers of the Missionary Herald upon receipt of the January issue, the first to be produced jointly by the Foreign missionary agencies of our denomination. It is an improved magazine.

Because of that improvement we are loath to say that it has not been improved as much as we desired it should be, nor as much as we felt encouraged to believe it would be. Somehow or other that periodical has not for many years measured up to its privilege. It ought to be broader and deeper and more masculine; it ought to report,—not so much the petty gossip of the individual workers on the field, or the monthly shrinkage of this gift or that,—but rather the big meaning of our modern missionary enterprise.

Too long has the magazine seemed a little family affair, meant chiefly for those who are already saturated with the mission idea, and devoted apparently to wheedling out of its readers more where-withal with which to carry on the work.

There is a large view of missions which has a mighty appeal. The missionary service in the world is a ministration to civilizations, not to individuals. The periodical of such a body of people as the Congregationalists are ought to be a big outstanding magazine such as would command the attention of men and women of every type of thought religious and non-religious, by the abiilty and breadth of view of its articles.

The Herald has a tremendously interesting topic to discuss, the whole world-field; yet in our humble judgment it does not at all measure up in interest to the less assuming American Missionary which has a limited field of presentation.

### MUCH THE SAME HERE.

George H. DeKay, Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League in Hawaii, says in his last report

I have now made a tour of all five islands within the last three months. In all of them I have found serious disregard and violation of the prohibition law reported, but on the whole I believe general conditions are immeasurably better than under the open saloon. This is the testimony of thoughtful people everywhere.

But there exists a condition of laxiness of enforcement, and even of open violation of the law on the part of officers, and an encouragement of the same on the part of many leading people, such as calls for demand on the part of all who believe in constitutional government that the law be respected and enforced. My information comes not from hasty views but from ministers, teachers, plantation managers, laborers and even from school children.

In two districts on Hawaii I was told by school principals of police officers who are also probation officers coming to the school house drunk. In one case the teacher said this officer's conduct was such that she no longer reported any cases to him. In another district the deputy sheriff was recently drunk at a public gathering, and in many other districts it is common report that the officers are more likely to assist in violations of the law than to enforce it. And that this attitude is encouraged rather than discouraged by men prominent in business and political life is well known.

### NO REPLY FROM AMERICA.

The League of Nations sent various inquiries into the world to secure information for its beneficient action. An American observer at its sessions says that the pathetic and constant announcement, "No answer from the the United States," was significant of discourtesy on the part of this 'isolated' nation. We could have replied, even if we did not wish to join the game.

### WILL HAYS' BLUNDER.

In this issue we present a part of the remarks made by Rev. O. W. S. McCall of Berkeley to his congregation one Sunday evening. His answyer to the question, "Should Fatty Arbuckle be given a second chance? brought forth a tremendous and prolonged applause from his great congregation. If an Arbuckle film is advertised to be put on at any theater it is up to the respectable people to send in letters or telephone calls protesting, and to use their biggest endeavors to bring the theater manager to terms of decency.

Mr. Hays is a good man, with a generous heart; but he has made a supreme blunder this time; and his usefulness in the office he holds has come to an end. He had better resign as an acknowledgement of his failure. We shall all respect him more if he does.

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We have added a new feature to the Pacific which we believe will prove of real value to ministers at least. Rev. Willard B. Thorp of Palo Alto will present from month to month one of his children's sermons in outline. It will be remembered of course that it is only an outline; but even this brief presentation will give some idea of what the sermon was.

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### PASTOR IN PERIL.

Rev. Chauncey Hawkins of the Plymouth Church Seattle has made pretty serious charges concerning Law non-enforcement in that city and he and the mayor seem to be having something of a fuss over it.

The pastor has been receiving threatening letters and telephone calls from many sources. He has been frequently called up at night to visit sick people, but has not yet fallen into the traps laid for him.

The mayor seems inclined to make light of the matter, even going so far as to make the matter a subject of ridicule. When threats were made to kidnap pastor Hawkins, Mayor Brown said he would ask the Police women to protect the threatened minister. The ministers in the city are divided in their sympathies, some hold with their fellow pastor and others with the mayor.

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### LARGER BUILDING FOR LONG BEACH CHURCH

Another church is crowded out into a larger building. The Long Beach Church when it put up its present structure thought it had one that would serve its purposes for a long time; but that was a mistake. Success has crowned Henry Kendall Booth's labors in so large measure that the church is compelled to enlarge. The church is to raise $225-000 with which to double the size of the present auditorium, to add another story to the Sunday School building and to erect another building, three story brick, on the lots on Cedar street.

An able campaign committee has been appointed with Henry P. Barbour as chairman. The present auditorium seast 1350; and the new one will seat 2350. During the past year the church added 358 new members, and now has a roll of 1493. The treasurer reported receiving $26,000, and the benevolent offerings amounted to $17,000.

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### IS IT TRUE.

Every thoughtful man will acknowledge that religion is a matter of supreme importance to any community.

He will also acknowledge that the one institution for fostering religion in a community is the church.

He will also acknowledge that this institution should be adequately supported.

If he stop a moment to think about it, he will know that giving money is not the only or best manner of support for it.

If he really means to support it and its name in the community he will speak good of it, he will encourage it; he will attend it. In no other fashion can a man do his whole duty by the community in which he and his family live.

The man who pays money for the church and neglects its services is like the father who feeds and clothes his children but never goes home.

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### WHAT SHALL WE PLAY?

The committee is at its wit's end; the young people are all alive; but what will be the next game. Wiliam Ralph LaPorte of the University of Southern California has come to the rescue, in his Handbook of Games and Programs. What a book to have on hand for quick reference;; what a book when you are planning ahead of time for things to entertain the young people when they are there!

Who knows how to play "Poison Snake?" or "Cap Tag"? or "Hound and Rabbit"? Here it is, and pages of more. (The Abingdon Press; 1.00 net.)

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### OFT REPEATED.

If a minister is asked to repreach a sermon it means that for many of the people it proved of lasting value. Mildred Emily Cook is the happy author of a Pageant, "The Adoration of the Kings and Shepherds" which has been repeated over and over again each year by churches at Christmas time. Its first appearance was in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church of New Haven. Miss Cook is the daughter of Prof. Cook of the department of English in Yale. (The Pilgrim Press, 75 cents.)

## ARCHITECTURE AND WORSHIP.

**By Henry .H. Kelsey.**

PART II.

The chancel has these distinct advantages over the platform, viz: First, it affords opportunity to put the communion table in a place of honor in the building and to give to the sacrament it represents a proper place of esteem in the minds of the congregation. The Communion Service symbolizes, portrays, represents the essential thing in Christian life and doctrine. What it symbolizes is the very heart of Christianity. Followers of Jesus always and everywhere celebrate the Holy Communion and regard it as the one indispensible thing in a Christian Church and in Christian worship.

Is it not fitting that the Communion Table and its furniture should be hedged about by reverential regard if not with a degree of sanctity? Would it not help to create an atmosphere of worship in the church and help to evoke the feeling of reverence and suggest somewhat the mystical realities of our religion if the Communion Table were set apart in a place of honor and perhaps adorned with some symbol of its use as I have suggested? This is not done in our platform churches. The Communion Table is on the floor in front of the pulpit and below it where it is made a table of convenience on all occasions. This plan of building provides no other place. This has been the custom and we follow it. Except when the table is spread it says nothing to the congregation. It functions not in the least as affecting mind, imagination or feelings of any.

### A Place of Honor.

In a chancel the communion table may have the place of honor set apart. Some Christian symbol may be upon it or above it on the wall. I would like a plain cross there. The clergy seats would be by the table and provision be made near by in the chancel for the seating of the deacons. The table would not be an altar but it expresses all that may be represented in a Protestant Church of the sacrifice of the cross which is our altar, the foundation of our life and its inspiration, its compelling motive and ideal. Now, the inspiration, the instruction, the mystical uplift which some value through this sacrament are given to the Congregation six times in the year. In some degree may not these benefits accrue to enrich the content of every service?

Second, when the choir is seated in the chancel it is associated with the minister in the mind of the worshipper as it is not likely to be in the mind of either choir or congregation when it is in a choir gallery, wherever that gallery may be.

With a chancel a dignified, impressive processional, and recessional, if desired, is made possible. The choir may march up the aisle in any church but to get into the choir seats in an orderly way is usually attended with difficulty. We have vested choirs and processionals. They are effective. They are approved. They add to the service. Why not build the church so the choir may march to its proper seats in a proper way and in every church? I never see a vested choir march up the center aisle and right up into the choir seats but my emotions are stirred. I am awake and in tune. The service has gripped me at its very beginning.

### Placing The Organ and Choir.

I have a suspicion that it is often a puzzle for architect and building committee to know where to put the organ and the choir in non-liturgical churches. My suspicion is occasioned by the fact that the choir is put in so many different places. Rarely is it evident that the placing is done with a clear conception of the functions of the music in worship and the essential part therein of organist and choir. What may be done for the enrichment of worship, for the culture of the Christian life, for attracting and knitting together a congregation through music we have not yet discovered. Music is yet in large part an unused agency in church life and Christian conquest.

It cannot be claimed that a chancel is a better place to sing from than a platform or that in itself it would contribute to a better music cultur ein the congregation. I do claim that it affords a right place for the choir and makes possible for the choir to more effectively function as an essential agent in the leadership of public worship.

Then the chancel is in itself churchly. It belongs nowhere else. It is designed for, is never used as an architectural form for any other purpose than for worship. By association it would bring back into our churches remembrance of a rich inheritance that is ours in the experience of the church which was before the Pilgrims left Holland. Not all that went before was bad, neither were all the men who professed and called themselves Christians bad men.

We go to the old cathedral for architectural and spiritual inspiration. We are amazed by their grandeur, by the ideals of noble worship there enshrined. Why do we cast aside, turn away from the prayers, worship forms, the liturgy through which the great souls of the cathedral builders were poured forth in adoration and praise for 1000 years?

### Choosing the Most Useful.

No other church is so free to take and use of these riches as we are. We need take nothing we cannot use. One of the things we can do, possibly it is the first thing to do, is to give a new emphasis

to worship in our church architecture, so that there shall be in them as much provision for worship as for preaching and hearing

These things we must have, viz: Worship that is real. What goes before the sermon must not be of a sort that it can be called "preliminary exercises." The content of our liturgy must be so rich and genuine that it will stir and feed the mind and soul of all participants in the service from its beginning. To secure this we must do in the church as Sir Henry Irving did in the theatre, so plan the building, the service order, the music, so plan all that the people see and hear that the imagination shall be quickened, the emotion moved and a sense of the presence of God awakened. Then when minds and souls are awake and a vibrant unity and joyful emotion obtain in the congregation, then the minister can preach; he hasn't to labor ten minutes to gather up the distracted attention of his hearers. He as well as they are in the presence of God. They feel Him and with such feeling comes vision and God through the preacher may give the message of life.

With such a service and such preaching in any community there will not long be empty pews.

### A SURPRISED PASTOR

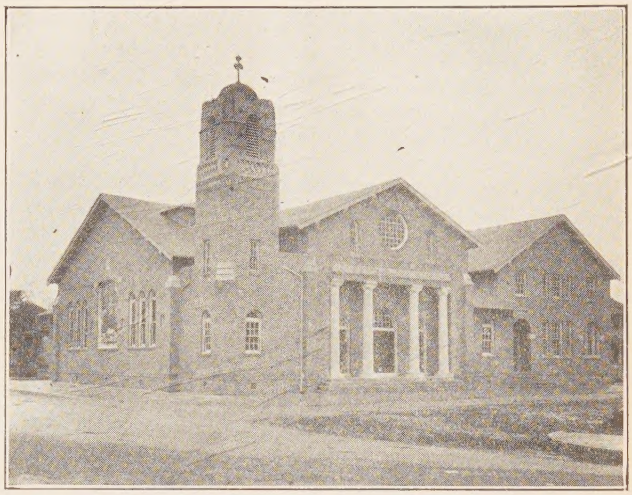
When the Loomis Church held its annual meeting the treasurer reported that all bills were paid and he had something over three hundred dollars in the treasury. The church was so happy they voted to increase the pastor's salary from $1500 to $1800.

A bright thought struck one of the members at the moment and he moved that the new salary date from a year ago, and that the treasurer make out a check at once for $300 of what he had in hand and pass it over to the pastor, R. C. Day, as back salary. It was voted unanimously and the speed of it nearly took the pastor's breath away. Happy the man with a church like that!

### THE CROWNING OF A TEN YEAR PASTORATE.

The Congregational Church at Redwood City had a three days celebration at the close of the year. During C. H. Stevens' ten year pastorate the church had outgrown its accommodations, so the good people of Redwood raised money for the building of a commodious and attractive structure along side of the old church. The pastor was granted a three-month vacation to spend in Europe and travel; he returned in time to superintend the finishing touches on the new building and to plan for its dedication.

The exercises began with Christmas celebration on Friday, and a continuation of celebrations on Saturday with the final dedicatory exercises on Sunday. The sermon was preached by R. H. Baldwin of San Mateo; and the dedicatory prayer very impressive and touching was offered by Dr. William C. Pond, the veteran minister of our denomination about San Francisco. He is well past 92 years,



yet active and interested in all phases of our work.

On Sunday evening the large memorial window was dedicated which was the gift to the church of friends and relatives of our fallen heroes in the Great War. Pastor Stevens gave a touching account of his visit to the fields of France.

All in all the exercises and music and speeches for this extended celebration were gratifying. The church has promise of larger growth and wider influence.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

The lectures which Albert W. Palmer of Honolulu gave during his visit to the mainland are to be issued in book form under the title "East and West in Hawaii."

The Ripon church had a most encouraging annual meeting, with the largest attendance of its history. The Sunday school had an average attendance of 93; with collections amounting to $285.

The church at Palo Alto, Willard B. Thorp pastor, received four complete families into its membership in January. The 12 new members will add strength and courage to the band of workers in the college town.

The Boulevard Church, Oakland, J. B. Orr pastor, received 6 adults into membership on Jan. 7th. Mr. Orr says that the annual meeting of the church will show a net gain of 51 members. The Boulevard Spokesman of which Mr. Orr is the editor, comes out good and strong, a four page 7-column paper.

Ralph Harlow just back from Smyrna, and Brewer Eddy just back from China are to hold meetings all along the coast during February. Mr. Harlow was present when the "amiable" Turks burned the city and committed other depredations.

Recognition services were held at Salida church for Frederick Conliffe who has just begun his pastorate there. J. J. Kelley preached the sermon and G. E. Atkinson gave the right hand of fellowship and the charge to the pastor.

The Oroville church, of which W. J. Johnson is pastor, had an average attendance at the Sunday school of 186; and the scholars raised during the year $594. The largest attendance was 473. The birthday offerings for the year were $23.95.

Weaverville has had another addition to its membership. Rev. W. W. Riley says that while the church has suffered losses in the past, these nine new members, all on confession of their faith, will mean much for the progress of the Kingdom. Among those received were the Superintendent of the Trinity National Forest and his wife.

The Escondido church is prospering under the guidance of William Schwimley who has just taken up his pastorate there; at the first communion he received nine new members. The congregations are filling the auditorium. At the communion service there were more who desired to participate than there were glasses.

A. W. Briggs of the Anti-Saloon League says that he frankly believes that "the effect of the work of the Flying Squadron is confusing and devisive, and the prohibition cause would be stronger if they were not in the field." He tells pastors that the squadron is not only working independently of the League, but in announced opposition to it.

The Palo Alto Annual meeting voted thanks to its pastor, Rev. Willard Brown Thorp for "the efficiency of his church management, for the inspiration of his preaching, and for the loving kindness of his pastoral care of his flock." The church also decided that it would not ask the Norther California Home Missionary Society for any aid after April 1, 1923.

Something of the efficiency and power of the First Church, Berkeley, is manifest in their budget for the coming year. For home expenses they plan for $16,500 and for benevolences $7,000, which makes a total of $23,500, a magnificent sum. The growth of the congregations has been such that the church feels compelled to build larger. So a campaign has been started for a quarter of a million of dollars to put up a suita structure on the site of the present building. Thi are doing in Berkeley.

The Ceres church closed its most success year, with all bills paid and a balance in the tre ury. The budget for 1923 is fully underwritten. has 94 on its active list of members, one third whom have been received by the present past G. E. Atkinson. The Sunday school gave $266 missions. The growth of the school has been s as to demand new equipment. A Social hall be built soon, the Woman's Society having pled $1,000 towards its cost.

Berean Church, Los Angeles, held its ann meeting on the evening of Jan. 10th which also the occasion of the birthday of the pastor, P. Hardy. A colossal birthday cake was placed fore him at the table during the banquet an gift of money presented as a token of the love a good wishes of his people, whom he has served nearly five years. The reports for the year w full of promise and the spirit of the occasion one of delightful harmony and christian fell ship.

Reports at the Mill Valley Annual Meet showed encouraging advances in nearly every partment. Membership gains show a net incre of 27 per cent for the last 14 months. Look backward over a period of six years there has b a net gain of 80 per cent. Payments for Bene lence reached high water mark and a long sta ing note at the Bank has been practically wiped The Pastor's salary has also been substantially creased. New people are becoming interested added workers for the Church School make a h ful outlook.

While Harley H. Gill of the Stockton church in attendance upon the mid-winter Conference Chicago his pulpit was occupied by Frederick Beach of Foochow and Prof. Tolson of the Pa School of Religion. At a watch-night service new members were received into the church. D ing his visit east the pastor preached at Indepe ence and Winthrop, Iowa, in the community w he was born and raised. The annual meeting the church developed some interesting facts, s as that 74 new members had been received du the year, that the male portion of the members had increased 6 per cent; that the total amoun money raised and disbursed for all purposes over $10,000.

The annual meeting Fruitvale Ave., Oakl just held, was one of great encouragement due the good reports from all departments. The chu received the largest number of accessions in

story for the third year in succession, making net gain of 49 which is 28 per cent. The finan- l reports were also encouraging as for the first ne in years there were no outstanding bills or bt other than a small balance due to the C. C. S. and even this is paid beyond the installments e. The largest sum ever raised for missions was nt to the missionary Societies and best of all ere is a determination to do even better during e year to come. When the church was small and uggling Mrs. Henry Wetherbee was instrumental raising funds to erect a building for the boys' rk, which since the new building was erected s been used for social purposes, at this meeting was voted to change the name of the hall from he Armory" to "Wetherbee Hall" in honor of s. Wetherbee who is still one of the most active mbers of the church. The Sunday School has own and the Y. P. S. C. E. has been increased by e organization of an Intermediate Society. The stor, Rev. C. F. Clarke, will soon start on the nth year of his pastorate.

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### LIE NOT.

e not; but let thy heart be true to God,
y mouth to it, thy actions to them both;
wards tell lies, and those that fear the rod;
e stormy working soul spits lies and froth.
Dare to be true. Nothing can need a lie:
A fault, which needs it most, grows two thereby.

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### CONGREGATIONAL A FREE CHURCH.

The newspapers announce that Charles L. Kloss s resigned his pastorate at Plymouth Church, Oak- nd, because he feels that the churches are too ich hampered and restricted by creed demands. made a fine record at Plymouth; he came to it ne four or five years ago when it was loaded to e gunwales with debt; he helped it to weather all e gales; now when it seems to have a fair sea be- e it, he resigns. He has rendered a noble ser- e, and can well retire with satisfaction.

But he will nowhere find a freer church, a broader tform, a greater freedom for working out his als. The glory of Congregationalism is that it af- ds any true man with high aspirations an oppor- nity to render to the community and to the world that a man anywhere can do. The Congregation- s are not creed-bound; there are a few 'Funda- ntalists among us, but they co-operate cordially h those who are not of their kind.

We venture to prophesy that as a free lance 'on outside' Mr. Kloss will neither be efficient nor ppy. It will not be long before some good church l welcome him back to the pastorate. So fine a eacher as he is will soon be wooed and won.

### THE OPEN COUNTRY.

"All children ought to be familiar with the open country; they should know the joy of playing in healthful mud, of paddling in clean water of hearing roosters call up the sun, and birds sing praises to God for the new day." This is what the chapter on the children's birthright says; and it is true.

There is much else that is true in the volume "Living at our Best" by Grace Hastings Sharp and Mabel Hill. There are three parts to the book; 1. Health of mind, body and spirit: 2. Wealth of money, time, opportunity; and 3, Happiness based on conformity to law and service. This is a fine layout; and the writers live up to our expectations. (The Abingdon Press, $1.25 net.)

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### A FIGHT FOR A CLEAN CITY.

The latter part of last year, Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins, pastor of Plymouth Church, Seattle, called attention, from his pulpit, to the immoral conditions prevailing in the city contrary to ordinances which the present administration of the city government, apparently, is not attempting to enforce.

"The present campaign," says Mr. Hawkins, "began after two sermons I preached, designed, not to attack the mayor or the Police Department, but to awaken the city to existing conditions. However, the mayor took the matter as a personal affront."

A report of the Public Safety Committee of the Municipal League sustains Dr. Hawkins' contention that the dance halls should immediately be closed.

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A Chinaman who gave his name as T. Sun, has obtained money under false pretenses from Dr. Joel Harper, of Spokane; Dr. O. H. Holmes, of Walla Walla and Rev. Paul A. Davies of Seattle. He has a very plausible story in which he claims that his father was engaged in Congregational Missionary work in Shanghai, China.

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Nine Protestant churches in West Seattle in two groups, held union prayer meetings during The Week of Prayer.

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### THE CHURCHES IN THE SOUTHLAND.

The Park church of Los Angeles, after parting with Rev. Henry Stauffer to Petaluma, called the Rev. Alfred W. Hare who served both in pastorates and evangelistic work in Northern and Southern California. Mr. Hare is now practicing law, and adds to his duties the care of the Park church. On Jan. 7th, Rev. Thos. Hendry, a former pastor, received Mr. and Mrs. Hare ito the church with two others. The wide range of experience possessed by

Mr. Hare gives hope for his successful administration of a difficult field.

The following events are pending for the churches of Southern California. Rev. J. K. Browne gives from Jan. 14 to March 15 to visitation and speaking among the churches: the Grace church of Los Angeles having him for four consecutive evenings.

The Annual Meeting of the Los Angeles Church Extension Society occurs on Feb. 9, and will be addressed by Rev. Carl S. Patton on Church Re-union from the Congregational standpoint.

President Milliken of the Institute of Technology at Pasadena will speak at the Los Angeles Minister's Meeting on Feb. 5, on the Church and Science.

The Annual Pilgrimage to Pomona College will take place on Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12. The chief address will be given by the Rev. Charles S. Nash, President of the Educational Foundation for Congregational Colleges.

Rev. Richard La Rue Swain author and lecturer on theological subjects will give a series of addresses during the week of March 18 in the First Church of Los Angeles.

The Southern California Congregational Conference meets in the new church edifice at Glendale on May 7, 8, 9. Principal speakers will be Rev. Oswald W. S. McCall of the First Church of Berkeley and President Reinhart of Mills College. On Jan. 14, President David Starr Jordan gave a matchless address on The Human Race before the Wilshire church, meeting in the Ambassador Hotel, and on the day following spoke before the Minister's Meeting on Japan from the stand-point of personal contacts in that Empire.

On Jan. 16, Supt. George F. Kenngott left for Chicago to attend the Annual Conference of Secretaries and Superintendents.

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### PILGRIM CHURCH OF PORTLAND.

Under the stimulus of Mr. James H. Price a Pilgrim Boys Chorus has been organized and meets weekly. Beginning with nine members it has in a few weeks increased to over thirty. Practice meetings are held weekly and frequent specials hold the boys to a remarkable degree. A Boys Concert on Sunday night will soon be given and plans are being made for a complete evenings entertainment with singing and moving pictures to be manged by the boys.

The Annual Meeting was held Friday Jan. 12th. Reports showed a marked growth in all departments. The net increase in church membership was 15 per cent. A beautiful 6 room parsonage was built at a cost of $4,000 with help from the Church Building Society. The total receipts for the year were $4,200.

The women adopted a new plan for carrying their work. All branches of the work are to grouped in a Federation with a president and vice-presidents, the latter being chairmen of various departments who together with the pas wife form a cabinet which will direct all the w en's work.

Under the leadership of the pastor, Pilgri becoming a strong and important neighborh center and the outlook is very promising. I hoped that soon the church will be able to ha graduate of the Schauffler School to assist in work of the parish among foreign-speaking pe

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### THE SOCIAL SIDE.

The ladies of the Waverly Heights Church Portland, Oregon, have enlisted for the follow extension work for the coming year. Two per month on members of the Aid or Missio Societies and two calls per month on stranger "prospects." Several hundred calls are prov for by this plan during the coming year. The l cleared over $800.00 by last year's activities for local work and for the first time met their ap tionment on missions; out of their treasury started a carpet fund with a deposit of $100.0

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### OREGON CHURCH NEWS.

By vote of the State Board of the Congregati Conference, Jan. 28 was observed as "Unive Sunday" in the interest of the Eugene Unive church.

Rev. Clayton Judy of Central Church at S has taken up the work at the new church at Si ton and Central Howell.

The death of Rev. J. E. Walker of Fooc China has been reported to the West Willa Association of which he was a member.

The annual meeting of the Waverly He Heights Church, Rev. O. P. Avery, Minister sho substantial development throughout all departm of the church. Supt. C. H. Harrison made the dress of the evening. Reports and "graphs" given showing the progress of the church. In four years of the present pastorate here has a constant increase of investment in plant and munity work and decrease in proportion of H Mission aid to the extent that the church hop be entirely self supporting in a short time an the mean time have worked up its benevolenc a proper figure. At the present time the m given for total benevolences by the church ex the amount of aid from the Home Missionary During the last year the Sunday School gave church two beautiful art glass windows for auditorium. For the coming year the Scho buying a standard motion picture machine inst

e-proof booth and it is already in use for nights and during the week, much to the ge of the enlarging plan for community which the church is working out.

llis First is going forward under the leader- Rev. Herbert R. Livingston who began his e first of the year.

elens is happy under the guidance of Rev. Holfman who began his work there in Oct.

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**ALL SUPERINTENDENTS MEET.**

every year the Superintendents of the Con- nal Conferences in the United States come r in mid-winter to discuss matters vital to k of the denomination. This year's meeting n held from January 20 to 24, at the Chi- Beach Hotel. Superintendent Minchin of n California has been the presiding officer. ng many other matters discussed four im- ones have been on the program. "Are we ng the pressure for finances?" "Flexibility eedom in our Organization:" "Making the our State Conferences and our local associ- neetings." and "How are we to deal with nentalism and its kindred Isms."

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**WORKING TOGETHER.**

State of Utah has a population of 450,000; out 100,000 of these are non-Mormons. The ant Church members number 10,000, with co-operation between the churches. They obably unite their influence in the support of estminister College which has been founded Presbyterian Church.

plan is to have all fitting schools supported different denominations send their gradu- this one college, upon whose faculty will be ntatives of these churches. Utah has great l resources, and affords a large field for mis- enterprize.

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traveler who had returned from a journey 8,000 miles in this country was impressed unremitting care that had surrounded him. tes: "Every train arrived on time. Fourteen I spent on sleepers, and I journeyed in safety. was an unfailing watchfulness about me all time,—human, not Divine alone. I had a ense of my dependence upon other men, and r fidelity to me, and to thousands of others. ho work for wages, work also for higher pur- and fit in with other plans, and make a social which may well be called a divine economy."

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issippi has the unenviable reputation of being t-wad State; by its constitution it prohibits queathing of property to charitable objects.

# Children's Sermons

BY WILLARD BROWN THORP

**THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT.**

Morris took much pleasure in sending a birthday present to his little brother Phil, who lives in New York State with another auntie, for their father and mother had gone to heaven. He sent him a mitt and a fine baseball and a catcher's mask. He thought how pleased Phil would be and how he would say to the other boys, "My big brother sent me these." Of course by and by a letter would come back telling all about it.

But Morris waited a week and another and another, and at last a letter came saying "Fine time with the boys in swimming and picking berries and riding the pony"; but not a word about playing ball! You can imagine how Morris felt, disappointed, hurt, provoked almost.

"Maybe it go lost in the mail," said his auntie.

"No, it didn't. It was strongly wrapped, and the postoffice man weighed it and put on plenty of stamps, and it had his name and "Bainbridge, N. Y." written large, and my name on it too. Of course he got it; you can trust Uncle Sam's mail. But I think he might at least have written me about it."

"Well, write and ask him if he got it."

"Oh, I hate to. He might think I was fishing for thanks. I guess he didn't like it. Maybe he had 'em already."

Finally the auntie wrote and asked the other auntie about it, and a letter came right back: "Oh yes, he got the things all right, and he rushed out to play with the boys and to brag about his big brother. He wrote a letter too, and it was my fault it was never mailed." Then Morris was comforted, for one does like to be thanked.

There is someone up yonder who has given us a lot of things. I wonder how He feels when we forget to thank Him. Of course you all remember that story about Jesus and the ten lepers.

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Up to December 14th, 1922, the total net collections for the Pilgrim Memorial Fund were $3,697,197.44. The five-year pledges were made in 1920. The total pledges ran over 6 million dollars.

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## HERE AND THERE.

Billy Sunday slurs his brethren who are "preaching to wood and varnish." According to some ministers it is not the unpardonable sin to have small congregations. It does happen some times that crowds, such as flocked to hear the evangelist, argue methods of advertising and preaching which the Master would never be guilty of. Jesus often had small hearings. "Billy" is no model for a self-respecting ministry.

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches at its meeting in Indianapolis reported that the past year has been the best in the history of religion in this country. Practically all the religious bodies have showed great gains in membership. The church finances in spite of business depression have improved wonderfully. The Council plans to work for a Warless World.

A newspaper in the East has been asking its non-attending correspondents to tell why they don't go to church. The replies are curious. Men who have not been inside of a church for twenty years say they never go because the minister preaches such old-fashioned stuff. Which of course he does not. Think of a blind man critizing the movie-picture! One correspondent told the truth; he said he did not go, because he didn't want to; the sermons were good enough, but he would rather lie abed later and fuss around the front yard awhile, and then go auto-riding. Perhaps a real diagnosis of most of these cases would give the same result.

F. W. Norwood preacher at the City Temple London is holding his own in that strategic pulpit. Great congregations gather to hear him and their testimonies prove his ministry to be helpful and uplifting. One English writer says, "One can succeed in this metropolitan auditorium without the thunder of a Parker or the mysticism of a Reginald Campbell." Mr. Norwood has just undergone successfully an operation for appendicitis.

There were many Congregationalists in the English Parliament who were supporters of Lloyd George; they are no longer there. But the new forces that were returned to that body contained a number of leading Congregational members. So the denomination is still there.

Why should any foreigner, titled or common, be allowed to break our American laws. The California Liberator reports: "Under the protection of the State department the foreign embassies a[re] mitted to import liquor for the use of the m[em] These attaches of the embassies stage part[ies] supply local society leaders with the liquo[r]

**The Methodist Year Book** for 1923 is a[n] with over 300 pages of information that wil[l] est more people than the Methodists. It that the Centenary Funds of that church past three years amount to a grand total 45 million dollars. The treasurer appen[ds] note, "The situation is much better than ago."

The Santa Clara "Prunes" had a very int[er] and profitable meeting at Cupertino rec[ent] which Rev. Mr. Allen rector of the Episcopal at Menlo Park gave an address on the Binet intelligence as applied to adults, and not m[ere] school children. One of the men present that such a test applied to the Fundame[n] would reveal that they had 9 year old minds

## THE MINISTER.

Rev. Paul Davies of the Alki Church of has been called to the Santa Barbara Chur[ch]

The church at Lodi has given a call to H. Stevens for ten years the pastor at Redwo[od] Mr. Stevens has accepted the invitation and work on Feb. 1.

Rev. A. Craig Bowdish has given up the Richmond Church of San Francisco and work on a new enterprise at Fairfax in Mari[n] ty near San Anselmo.

Rev. J. H. Batten has resigned from the ate of the Santa Barbara Church to becom[e] nected with the regional service of Pomona to bring the College into more intimate r[e] of mutual service with all its contributing t[o]

Rev. F. E. Dell leaves Grass Valley to acce[pt] in the Garvanza Church, Los Angeles, rece[n]t cated by Bryant C. Preston. Mr. Dell ha[s]

## M. P. M. WANTED.

Plymouth Church of Hayfork is ready for[dedi] tion except the seats are not in place. They[can] be secured till the winter wanes and summe[r] on account of the bad roads. The Pastor, W. Riley, wishes that someone who has a g[ood] of means would make it possible for us to [our] MOVING PICTURE MACHINE for this chur[ch] church is built for moving picture machine[s] is nothing to interest the young of the co[m]munity except the Gaming Table and the Dance [Hall] way of amusements. I am sure it would [help] church to decrease its Home Missionary Ap[pro]tions, and withal would give the church [a] leverage for good. Let us hear from you.—[C.] Riley, Pastor, Weaverville, Cal.

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of the Grass Valley Church three times, and of his friends are hoping he will come back e fourth time ere long.

. Hubert F. Burgess is president this year of ongregational Ministers' Meeting of Seattle. s been conducting Manual Training classes in urch, and the attendance has been so large e has been compelled to use attendance cards for each pupil showing that he belongs to Sunday School

. E. Sinclair Smith closes his work at Lawn- ear Los Angeles, after a service of two years. hurch is to be yoked with the Athens church, leadership of W. W. Hart. The latter church just completed a temporary building. Mr. reports the Lawndale church as "a very ly family group." He has been remembered ntly by friends in the church upon severing lations.

al Lincoln Wirt who has returned from a ll about the world in the interests of the East Relief has been at home for a brief spell as been speaking in the churches and at num- Men's Clubs in the Bay region. He thinks America ought to cancel the indebtedness of uropean countries to us; but there are sev- hings to be thought of before that is seriously dered. That is a bigger matter than the or- man is able to settle by himself.

. and Mrs. Jas. K. Lyman of Marash, Turkey, been in So. Calif. speaking in the churches the holiday season and have greatly inter- their audiences. They were in Marash during rench occupation and saw all the horrors of nflict and massacre. They have no kind word e action of the French in withdrawing and g the Armenians to their horrible fate. They ending their fourlough at Mr. Lyman's home yton, Washington. Mrs. Lyman is a niece of V. Hardy of Los Angeles.

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### THE NORTH LAND.

. W .L. Zabel accepts a call from Edmonds ssa, Washington, and is at work.

. C. L. Williams accepts a call from Clear o Doty.

. E. S. Bollinger resigns his pastorate at uver, Washington, to become General Mission- r the State of Oregon, with headquarters at nd.

. Evan P. Hughes resigns at Kalama, Wash- .

. H. Orville Jones closed his work at Granite Washington, Feb. 1st.

The Vera Church, in Eastern Washington, and the Coupville Church, in Western Washington, came to self-support January 1st.

Colville dedicates a new $17,000 church, Feb. 4th. Rev. J. M. Huggins, pastor.

The Spokane City Church Extension Commission of the Washington Congregational Conference, was organized January 8th. C. W. Macomber, president; C. C. McEachran, vice-president; H. T. Davenport, secretary; H. G. Biller, treasurer.

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### A NEW RURAL CHURCH.

On December 8, a Council met at the School House of Santa Susana, a locality on the Southern Pacific railroad some forty miles northwest of Los Angeles.

Here the Rev. H. L. Hoyt had been preaching and doing pastoral work for several months resulting in a large degree of interest among the families of a wide stretch of country.

Thirty eight residents had signed a request for the formation of a Congregational Church, and the Denominational Superintendent's Council of the State Church Federation approved of the same.

After a review of the situation the Council recommended that the Church of Santa Susana be received into fellowship.

The recognition services of the evening were deeply impressive, the sermon by Rev. Charles N. Queen illustrated the power and far-reaching effect of Christian love and good will, and the address of the Moderator, Rev. Frank L. Dyer was enkindling in its illuminating power.

The prayer of consecration was by Rev. A. S. Donat. Thus was inaugurated a work that is well worthy of the continued remembrance and prayer of a wide circle of uor ministers and churches.

A word should be said as to the fruitful labors of Brother Hoyt. Ordained in 1880 he was one of our early ministers in Southern California and later became an efficient educator in the South. In the course of events he gravitated back to this Pacific slope where he has since held several pastorates. His marked ability in getting hold of average people, as well as of leaders, and the spirituality of his messages assures of the success of this his latest enterprise.—J. L. M.

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### .. A DEDICATION.

Our Oneonta Church in South Pasadena, organized in 1910 as an outgrowth of the work of State Superintendent Rev. John L. Maile, and having as its first pastor the Rev. I. C. Meserve, on December 17, 1922, dedicated its permanent house of worship. The address was given by Rev. Daniel E Fox of the First Church.

The elaborate building is of concrete with front double towers, has a fine auditorium, and ample space for Sunday School and social uses.

Under the pastorate of the Rev. Edwin A. Waldo, beginning in 1916, the membership has increased to upwards of two hundred, and the Sunday School to nearly three hundred, with an enrolment of sixty in the C. E. Society,

In this vicinity are many residential villas embowered in orange groves, and not far away is Henry E. Huntington's palatial establisment which contains one of the finest are collections, and assemblage of rare books and manuscripts world contains.

In full view is Mr. Wilson Carnegie Obs and the great San Gabriel Valley stretche far distance. The natural and human surr assure a permanent and resourceful popu which this church extends a ministry of s spiritual service of great importance.


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### AT FORT BIDWELL.

The Fort Bidwell parish, including th mission, is taking on new life. The peopl operating. The Sunday school has double tendance. The Christian Endeacor soc been reorganized and taken up new work. attendance is increasing.

The lowest attendance at the Indian n eighty and the highest, one hundred sev teaching part of the service is done on fifty basis. Mr. Shoemaker taking half Shoemaker half.

The Indian work is religious, social an trial. The missionaries are in close co- with the Government agency and school.

These missionary pastors closed a f pastorate, the first of December, with B parish, with many expressions of regre shower of presents.

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The Board of Ministerial Relief, which care for aged ministers and their widows, Christmas time makes a special gift to its ers. Last year through the generosity of th es they were able to give every one a p $35. This year the present was a bit large ought to be possible to make the Board ab $100. But in order to do this the pastors and must be notified of the effort at least by Will not somebody keep this in mind for few months and wake us all at the proper

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Pomona College is doing some extens through Raymond C. Brooks. He is con class in Interpretation of the Bible in th dist Church of Pasadena with a mid-wee ance of over 500.

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The bitter feeling among the Japanese Alien-land Law agitation has been allaye decision of the California Supreme Court clares unconstitutional the provisions f aliens ineligible for citizenship from acting dians of the agricultural land of their born children. Christian workers among t tals in this country have done much to s feelings of these foreigners during this u propaganda.